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- 1.(C) Summary. The Ambassador met with Minister-equivalent of Economy, Mohammed Ali al-Hweij, August 2, to address stalled CAT negotiations; to CAT NEGOTIATIONS COMPLICATED BY FIVE-YEAR-OLD LAW
- 2.(C/NF) Minister-equivalent of Economy, Mohammed Ali al-Hweij, told the Ambassador, Pol/Econ Chief, and FCS August 2 that an end was in sight
- 3.(C/NF) Al-Hweij informed the Ambassador that the ESDF had already sent CAT's Regional Director, Andrew Sheridan, the new proposal. [Note: She POSITIVE SIGNALS ON BILATERAL TRADE COOPERATION
- 4.(C) Al-Hweij was also positive on TIFA, saying that the text was approved and only a date needed to be set. The Ambassador noted that we want
- 5.(C) Al-Hweij agreed in principle to support a Department of Commerce Executive Trade Mission visit in November, requesting a formal program f
- 6.(C) Regarding visa support for U.S. business travelers, al-Hweij requested additional information regarding the difficulties that U.S. busine
- 7.(C/NF) Comment: The fact that the CAT negotiation process was taking place at the same time that the Ministry was trying to impose a five-yea